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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/08

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 306

SHORT TITLE Developmental Disability Program Rate Equity SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: SB 308

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 306 would appropriate \$1 million dollars to Department of Health DOH to increase rate equity between Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver Medicaid funded services and State General Funded (SFG) services. Unexpended and unencumbered funds would revert to General Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in HB 306 is not part of the executive budget request for DOH. DOH projects they will spend about \$6.7 million in FY08 for general fund direct services, which will serve about 465 clients.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 306 seeks to improve staff recruitment and retention, provide health insurance and salary increases, comply with minimum wage laws and meet rising programmatic costs associated with quality services for individuals served through the department of health's state general fund

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program to match the DD Waiver Medicaid funded services. DOH notes that the purpose of the general fund is to provide a level of service to individuals who are waiting to access the DD Waiver. The program is not intended to provide the same level of service as Medicaid funded DD Waiver services, but rather to provide a basic level of service to those persons who are eligible until waiver services become available.

DUPLICATION

House Bill 306 is duplicated by SB 308.

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